

The regular meeting of the Benton Village Board was called to order by Village President, Gary McCrea, at 7:00 p.m. at 244 Ridge Avenue in the conference room of the Benton Business Incubator building on Wednesday, April 18, 2007, with the following members present: Gary McCrea, Ann Neis, Lori Droessler, Terry Sheffer, Katey McCarthy, Lisa Lawrence and Rose Walton (7:05 p.m.). Village employees present: Darnell Hendricks and Ryan Carver. Visitors/Citizens present: none. Consultants present: Mike Judkins, Water Well Solutions. In compliance with the open meeting law, proper notice of the meeting had been posted in four public places; Benton State Bank, Benton Post Office, Benton Business Incubator Building, and the Zephyr Depot.

Motion (Sheffer, Lawrence) to accept the minutes of the previous regular meeting held March 21, 2007. Voice vote-all ayes. Carried.

Charles Voight, representing Cole Acres pool was present with a request for a donation to Cole Acres pool. *Motion (Sheffer, Droessler) donate \$2,000.00 to Cole Acres Pool. Roll-all ayes. Carried.*

Mike Judkins representing Water Well Solutions, presented his company's bid of \$2260.00 for pulling, completely disassembling and reassembly of well #2. A bid of \$1520.00 was received from Peerless Service Company, and a third bid of \$3760.00 was received from Municipal Well and Pump. The low bid of \$1520.00 from Peerless Service Company did not include hydraulic testing beforehand, nor did it include televising of the well. *Motion (Sheffer, Walton) to contract with Water Well Solutions for pulling, completely disassembling and reassembly of well #2, contingent on approval from John Perkins. Roll-all ayes. Carried.*

Motion (Neis, Droessler) to authorize the purchase of 24 new water meters at \$98.00 each. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

A discussion was held regarding painting the welcome sign on the east side of the village. Hendricks will contact a few names suggested by the board to see if they would be interested in the job.

Carver provided the board with background information regarding the status of the claim against Centurytel for the repair of the sewer lateral at 159 West Main Street. Centurytel will be contacting its sub-contractor, Michels Corporation, once again regarding their liability in the situation. Carver and Hendricks will continue to follow up with Centurytel until the matter is resolved.

Sheffer and McCrea indicated they would be setting up a meeting with village employees: Perkins, Carver and Goffinet, to go over the planned vehicle rotations discussed at the last board meeting. Once these rotations are established, bids will be solicited for those vehicles at the top of the list.

Sheffer inquired as to whether village employees were completed with the recent storm sewer work at 514 Highway J North. Carver indicated the work was not yet 100% complete and he would check with Perkins and Goffinet on the plans for final completion.

Walton reminded the board of the Benton Community Development's Fish Boil at the Business Incubator Building on May 19th from 4:30-7:30 p.m.

Neis asked that a reminder letter be sent to all pertinent property owners regarding the upcoming May 31, 2007 deadline for sidewalk repairs. The street committee will meet June 1, 2007, at 10:00 a.m. to walk the entire village and inspect all sidewalks for compliance.

Concerns were raised regarding the current crossing guard situation. McCrea will speak with School District Administrator, Gary Neis, regarding the board's concerns.

By general consent the board agreed to leave the regular meeting time at its current time of 7:00 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month. Committee assignments were distributed.

A discussion was held regarding the status of a new post office building in the village. It was agreed that a post office representative is needed at our next regular meeting to answer several questions/concerns. McCrea will make the contact with the post office to extend the request.

Motion (Sheffer, Neis) to approve a burn permit for the Benton Community Development Corporation for May 19, 2007 from 3:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. for its Fish Boil. Voice vote-all ayes. Carried.

A request to put a notice on the utility bills regarding the Fish Boil was denied. Hendricks will explain the reasoning to the Benton Community Development Corporation.

Motion (Droessler, Walton) to renew the 2007-2008 contract for maintenance on the village's copy machine at the same rates as were in the contract for 2006-2007. Roll call-all ayes. Carried.

The board was reminded of the upcoming Open Book to be held on April 27, 2007, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. and the Board of Review to be held on May 16, 2007, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. times.

Motion (Neis, Droessler) to hire Alicia Farrey and Theresa Walton for the summer utilizing the summer workstudy program with UW Platteville. Roll-Walton abstained, remaining all ayes. Motion carried.

Motion (Sheffer, McCarthy) to approve a Temporary Class "B Retailer's License for the Sale of Fermented Malt Beverages at a Gathering of Picnic by the Benton Community Development Corporation on May 19, 2007, in unit 113, 244 Ridge Avenue in the Village of Benton. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Sheffer, McCarthy) to approve the Preliminary Resolution Declaring Intent to Exercise Special Assessment Powers under Section 66.0701, WI Statutes. for all property upon both sides of First Street from its intersection with Second Avenue to its intersection with Third Avenue in the Village of Benton. All property upon the east side of Third Avenue from its intersection with Hwy 11 to its intersection with Second Street in the Village of Benton. All property upon both sides of the southerly 90 feet of Creek Drive located south of Oak Avenue in the Village of Benton. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

The claims against the Village were presented for payment. *Motion (Walton, Lawrence) to pay the claims against the Village. Roll-all ayes. Carried.*

A discussion was held regarding the tree limbs that were blown down on the public right of way and private property of 63 Temple Avenue. By general consent the board agreed this property should be added to the list of public nuisance violations and provided to the police department for notification to the property owner.

Motion (Sheffer, Walton) to adjourn. Roll-all ayes. Carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

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